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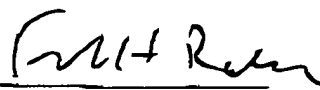
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Attached to this facsimile communication cover sheet is Letter Re Request for Interference, faxed this day of January 26, 2001, to Group 1654, the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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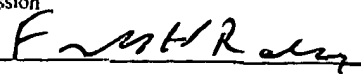
LETTER RE REQUEST FOR INTERFERENCE

On 4 May 1999, Applicants filed papers under 37 C.F.R. § 1.607 requesting that an interference be declared between the above-indicated application and U.S. Patent No. 5,759,516. The filing of this request has been acknowledged by the Examiner and there have been subsequent correspondence, interviews and telephone discussions. Twenty (20) months have now passed, without a Declaration of Interference.

It appears that one of the matters holding up the Declaration of Interference is the inability of the Examiner to locate the official files of the prospective interfering patent and its patent applications. Concurrently with the request for provoking an interference in this application, applicants in application No. 08/889,212 are also seeking to provoke an interference with another patent which is co-assigned with the patent for which is an interference is sought in the instant case. Applicants' two applications are being handled by different examiners and it is quite possible that the reason that the Examiner in the instant application cannot find the required files is that they are in the custody of the

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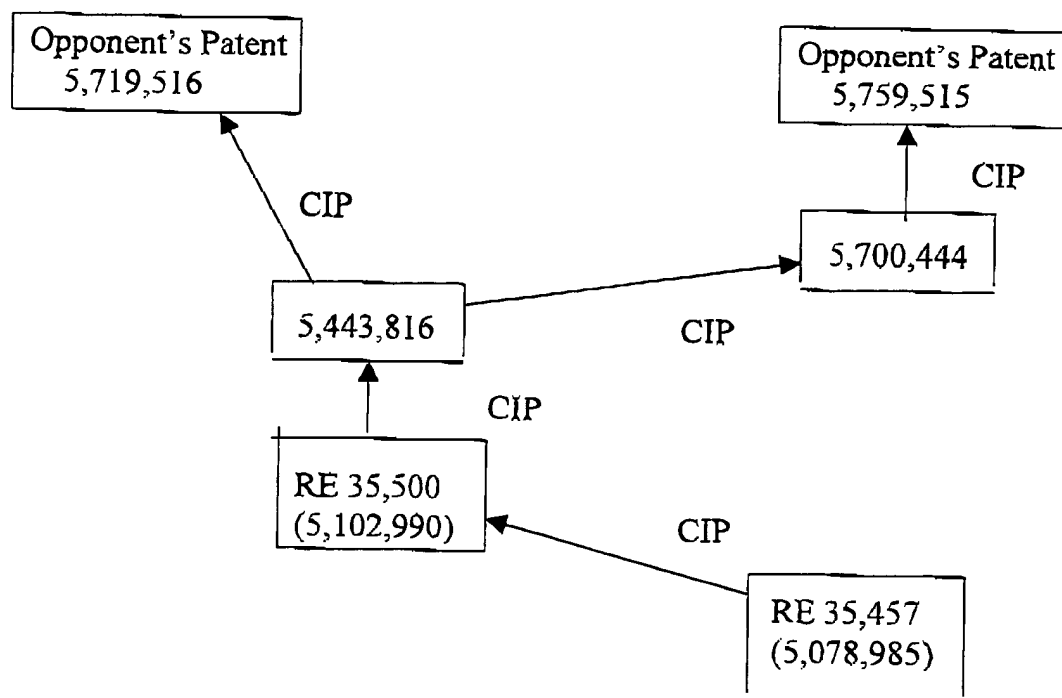
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Examiner in application No. 08/889,212. Although the interfering issued patents are different, they descend from common parent applications.*

Attached hereto is a "tree" showing the interfering patents and their various parent applications. All of the subject applications have matured into patents and, therefore, they are shown by patent number rather than application number.

For Appln. No.
08/236,402
Exr. A. Davenport

For Appln. No.
08/889,212
Exr. N. Minnifield



It is suggested that Examiner Davenport contact Examiner Minnifield who may possibly have the missing files. It is also possible that the files for U.S. Patent Nos. 5,443,816 is among the documents associated with terminated Interference no. 104,264.

* This statement should not be construed as an admission that the patentees in the interfering patents would be entitled to benefit of all of their respective parent applications.

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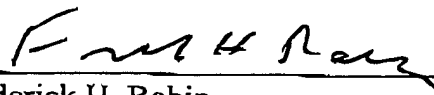
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The undersigned attorney has copies of U.S. Patents Nos. 5,443,816 and 5,759,516. If these files have been lost, we would be happy to send the PTO copies of our copies.

It is urgently requested that the Examiner or the interference specialist for this Technology Center contact the undersigned attorney in order to resolve this matter promptly.

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